

# ENTENTE DROPS WAR ON SOVIET

Council Decides to Aid States Only if Attacked By Red Forces.

## MAY RECOGNIZE RUSSIA

Official Commission to Study Condition Under Supervision of League.

London, Feb. 24.—First definite steps toward settlement of the Russian question, universally regarded as the biggest of international problems, were taken by the entente today.

Entente premiers meeting here decided:

To send an official commission into Russia to study conditions under supervision of the league of nations.

To encourage commerce between the Soviet government and the rest of Europe.

To discourage warfare between the Bolsheviks and the border states, but to aid the latter if attacked by the Red armies.

To withhold diplomatic recognition of the Soviets "until convinced that the Bolshevik horrors have ended."

May Join League.

In semi-official circles the action of the council was generally regarded as forecasting complete recognition of Russia in the future, economically and politically, with consequent removal of her alleged menace to the rest of Europe and restoration of her status among nations.

The council was accompanied by an invitation to join the league of nations.

Although the new policy toward Russia reaffirms the entente's refusal to recognize the Soviet government, it is accepted as a decided weakening from the previous stand, and decision to send a commission into Russia is regarded as practically a warning to the border countries to cease warfare with the Bolsheviks.

Official announcement was made that the premiers would not encourage the border States to continue their war against the Soviets, but that in the event the Red armies attacked them the entente would aid them in every way.

Commerce Will Be Aided.

It was also announced that without relaxing their decision not to deal with the Soviets diplomatically, the entente will encourage commerce between Europe and Russia "which is essential to improvement of the economic situation throughout the world."

The council decided that in the event the border states already recognized by the allies approach the latter seeking advice regarding their attitude toward the Soviets, the allies will reply that they cannot accept the responsibility of advising that war be continued against Russia, and still less would advise aggression against Russia.

In official circles it was presumed the duty of the council will be to determine if "the horrors" have ended, and to gather information relative to the resumption of trade between the allies and the Russian co-operative societies now under Soviet control. The decision to resume trade was reached by the old supreme council in Paris several weeks ago.

Daniels Will Be Defended In Row Over Naval Awards

Drafting of a minority report defending Secretary Daniels is being considered by Democratic members of the Senate naval affairs subcommittee investigating the Daniels Sims naval awards controversy, it was learned yesterday.

Some recommendation is expected with regard to abolition of all medals except those awarded on scene of action for deeds of heroism.

Secretary Daniels, Admiral Sims and both Republicans and Democrats on the subcommittee went on record in favor of such action during the recent hearings.

Chairman Hale is understood to be working on the majority report and Democratic Senators are waiting to see what it will contain before deciding their course.

Release of Airmen Ordered.

The release of Lieutenants G. Z. Usher and M. L. Wolf, American army aviators held by the authorities at Nacozari, state of Sonora, Mexico, has been ordered by the Mexican Foreign Office, the State Department was advised yesterday by the American Embassy at Mexico City.

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# GIBSON HEARING SET FOR MAR. 8

Usury Charged Against Henry Norman Who Handled Notes.

(By Herald Leased Wire.)

New York, Feb. 24.—Justice McAvoy of the Supreme Court today set for March 8 the hearing of the suit brought against Mrs. Preston Gibson by her father, William E. Benjamin, for \$10,000 he claims due him on promissory notes.

Owing to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are in California, an effort will be made to have the hearing changed to a later date in order to get their testimony.

Mrs. Gibson, who signed the notes, and her husband who indorsed them, claim that Henry Norman to whom the notes were issued, has charged usurious interest in handling the notes and also that when her father purchased the notes from him that he, her father, had acted in bad faith, as he was then acting as her agent.

She sets forth in her answer to the suit that she is willing and ready to take up these notes if the security she put up is returned.

GOVERNMENT TO PAY MINIMUM OF \$1,000

Members of the Joint Congressional Committee on Reclassification of Salaries in the District of Columbia, are convinced the minimum wage for government employees will be nearer \$1,000 a year than \$1,200.

A sum slightly in excess of \$1,000 is expected to be laid down for government employees engaged in manual labor. This is expected to be the basic minimum for government salaries.

Senate members of the Commission yesterday were given first drafts of the report to Congress, which contains the various recommendations made for a reclassification of salaries.

Class specifications are 1,700 in number and are divided into about 400 series each containing an average of four classes. Each class specification contains the title, a position, the qualifications required, and the line of promotion.

The report will be ready for presentation to Congress within two weeks.

Automobile Owner Sued For \$50,000 Damages

Claiming that she was injured for life, Sara Amdur has filed suit in the District Supreme Court against Eugene R. Jacobsen for \$50,000 damages for personal injuries.

Mrs. Amdur alleges that she is a stenographer and earns \$175 a month, and that while crossing Fifteenth and H streets northwest, she was run down by the defendant's automobile and received injuries which will cripple her for life and prevent her from following her vocation.

Two Americans in Siberia Are Victims of Pneumonia

Announcement of death from disease of two American soldiers in Siberia was made by the War Department last night. They were Private Edgar O. Durand, Company A, Thirty-first Infantry, of Leominster, Mass., and Viadivostok and Waggoner Robert Starterfield, Headquarters Company, Twenty-seventh Infantry, of Simpson, W. Va., at Chilik. Both were pneumonia victims.

Lane to Preside Over Pan Pacific Congress

The Pan Pacific Commercial Congress at Honolulu next year will be presided over by Franklin K. Lane, retiring Secretary of the Interior, according to an announcement of Alexander Hume Ford, secretary of the Pan Pacific Union. The date of the conference has not been set. The union is composed of nations bordering on the Pacific Ocean.

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# "SCHOOL DAYS"

Great gosh, Harry, that's bad! You'd ought never to go on to school with that wet foot. You'd be sure to catch a bad cold, an maybe get the consumption or die or something. I think we'd better build a fire an dry you out, don't you, Pete?

Did you say it as I want to know. Did you say it?

Sure he said it.

I think that's the thing to do. She's soppy, but I feel kind of chilly already. Let's go down to first bridge an build it.

An act of Providence.

# By DWIG

Absolutely! I certainly do! Gosh, it may save his life! I don't spose the teacher'd be mean enough to imagine we wanted to play hooky an lick us when all we intend to do is help our schoolmate when he's in trouble, do you? I got some matches—

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# FIGG MAPS OUT FIGHT ON H. C. L.

Business Men Plan War on High Prices, with Women Co-operating.

A committee of eleven representative Washington business men, including Col. Robert N. Harper, Capt. James F. Oyster and Philip King, was appointed by Howard E. Figg, assistant attorney general in charge of the government's campaign to cut the high cost of living, yesterday, as the first step in his plan to make Washington a model city, after which the nation may pattern its war on high prices.

The committee, which will serve as an executive and advisory board to consider the high cost of living problem in the District, met yesterday in Figg's office and, after effecting an organization, decided to hold its next meeting next Monday afternoon.

Definite policies will be evolved for conducting the campaign at this meeting. Rules and regulations governing prices of commodities will be promulgated and the results closely watched by Mr. Figg, who will take an active part in the work. If the results are sufficiently gratifying, the principles applied to the District as an experiment will be spread over the entire country.

Other members of the committee are R. P. Andrews, John E. Wilkins, Isaac Gans, Joseph A. Whitfield, M. A. Leese, W. G. Carter, L. S. Ullman and Edith C. Strauss.

A committee of women was named by Edith C. Strauss, director of women's activities in the Department of Justice campaign against high prices. Endeavor to cut living prices by urging women to forego extravagance will be made by the committee unit. Subcommittees will be appointed later to seek the co-operation of clubs, churches and schools. The members of the committee are Mrs. Whitman Cross, Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, Mrs. W. Chamberlain, Mrs. Louis Brownlow, Mrs. Henry Rainey, Mrs. Hoes, Mrs. Hodgkins and Mrs. Swarmed.

Oklahoma Congressmen Urge Suffrage at Home

Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, yesterday sent a telegram to the Legislature of his State, now in special session, urging ratification of the suffrage amendment.

The wire was sent following a conference of the entire Congressional Delegation of the State with Miss Anita Pollitzer, of the National Woman's Party. A fight against ratification of the amendment is being made by an element in the Oklahoma legislative bodies.

Father Searches Here for Son While Mother Worries

J. B. Menz, Dayton, Ohio, arrived in Washington yesterday in search of his 15-year-old son, Frederick, who left home last January with the intention of making a fortune.

Menz believes the boy is working in Washington and is afraid to return home because of parental wrath. The boy's aged mother is suffering with nervous prostration.

Menz is at 925 E street northwest.

Dr. John A. Ryan to Speak.

Dr. John A. Ryan, of the Minimum Wage Board, who helped secure the national minimum wage for women, will deliver a lecture "Economic Conditions" to a class of the Knights of Columbus evening school in Carroll Hall this evening.

# ROUTES READY FOR AIR MAIL

Postoffice Officials to Rush Operation if Money Is Obtained.

Postoffice officials are ready to rush plans for operation of the New York-San Francisco air mail service if Congress gives authority, Otto Praeger, Assistant Postmaster General, said yesterday.

A proposed appropriation of \$1,415,000 to finance the coast-to-coast service is to be discussed in the Senate within a few days. Should it pass the Senate, a compromise would have to be reached with the House which eliminated the air mail funds from the postoffice appropriation bill. If passed by Congress, the money would be available July 1.

The transcontinental route would be the longest in the world, according to Praeger.

"We can put the service into operation in November," he said, "despite the fact that we should have to build many new planes if Congress acts promptly in appropriating the funds."

Probably eight new flying fields would be required including stations at Omaha, Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah.

"A letter mailed in New York would be delivered to the San Francisco postoffice in 5 1/2 hours," said Praeger, "as compared with 90 1/2 hours now required in train service."

Fourteen planes will be in the air every day and a total of 1,500,000 miles will be flown annually.

Wilson Cables Greetings To New French President

President Wilson has cabled congratulations to Paul Deschanel, who recently became President of France. The text of the telegram is:

"On this occasion of the assumption of the duties of your high office as President of the French Republic, I extend to your excellency my cordial felicitations. Victorious in the greatest struggle known to the world, France faces a great and glorious future, and you, Mr. President, as the chief executive of a people whose high ambition is the maintenance of right and justice will be potent factor in the attainment of these happy results. I wish for you an administration of great property and health and happiness for yourself."

Height and Uses of Capital Buildings to Be Regulated

The Senate yesterday agreed to the conference report on the Calder zoning bill, regulating the height of buildings in the residential sections of the District of Columbia, as well as the use to which they may be put. The bill is now ready for the President's signature.

"Under the bill the regulation for the construction of new buildings will be placed in the hands of a Federal commission, and the city would be divided into zones with special building restrictions."

British Firm Buys 15,000 U. S. Army Cars in France

London, Feb. 24.—A British firm has bought 15,000 American army motor cars in France, the Evening News said today.

The purchase price, the newspaper said, was understood to be approximately \$6,750,000, at the present rate of exchange.

# LABOR MEETING HELD IN SECRET

Gompers Opens 10-Day Session at Jacksonville, Behind Closed Doors.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 24.—Behind locked doors the American Federation of Labor went into a ten-day executive session at the Hotel Burbridge here today.

Secrecy surrounded the purpose of the meeting as the union chiefs assembled. President Samuel Gompers and his colleagues refused to answer the telephone in the room. Guy Oyster, Gompers' Secretary, declared he had instructions to permit no interruptions.

In a statement given out at noon through Oyster it was declared the union leaders spent the morning organizing and that they would get down to business during the afternoon. It was believed the Esch-Cummins railroad bill would be discussed later.

SPECULATION BLAMED FOR COST OF SHOES

Boston, Feb. 24.—Speculation in leather and large profits to manufacturers are the principal causes for the high cost of shoes, according to the report of the State commission on the necessities of life.

The reports show that the cost of making an average pair of shoes advanced 185 per cent from 1913 to 1919. In 1915, the average cost per pair was \$2.55, while in 1919 the cost had advanced to \$7.26, a 185 per cent increase, it is a small gain, the report says, "but in actual money it is nearly three times as much as in 1913."

CROSS AWARDED SIX FOR ACTS OVERSEAS

Two officers and four enlisted men, for heroic acts under fire, have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the War Department announced last night. Two of the awardees are posthumous. They went to Private Victor Stier, Company A, 339th Infantry, and Corporal Paul V. C. Fuhrman, Company B, Ninth Machine Gun Battalion.

Others honored were Lieut. Albert M. Smith, Company B, 339th Infantry; Sergeant Joseph T. Barr, Seventy-sixth Field Artillery; Private First Class George Hanley, Machine Gun Company, Seventh Infantry, and Lieut. John P. Woollschlager, Company A, 512th Infantry.

Move Started to Increase Pensions of Needy Widows

(By Herald Leased Wire.)

New York, Feb. 24.—Setting forth that the \$15 per month per fatherless child, allotted by law to widows as a pension, is now inadequate for the proper support of these children in the way in which the law intends, and that they cannot remain with their mothers while the pension continues so low, Alderman John E. McCort today introduced a resolution at a meeting of the board of aldermen calling for an increase in widows' pensions.

The resolution recommends that the child welfare board take up the matter with the board of estimate in order to arrive at a figure adequate for proper care of children under the influence of their mothers instead of in public institutions.

Martial Law in Honduras.

Martial law has been declared by the Honduras Congress in the southern departments of Honduras, inclusive of Tegucigalpa, the State Department was advised yesterday.



# HOW TO FIGHT Colds, Grip, or Flu

Avoid crowds, coughs and colds, but fear neither germs nor "flu." Keep the system in good order, take plenty of exercise in the fresh air and practice cleanliness. Remember a clean mouth, a clean skin, and clean bowels are a protecting armor against disease. To keep the liver and bowels regular and to carry away the poisons within, it is best to take a vegetable pill every other day, made up of May-apples, aloes, jalap, and sugar-coated, to be had at most drug stores, known as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. If there is a sudden onset of what appears like a hard cold, one should go to bed, wrap warm, take a hot mustard foot-bath and drink copiously of hot lemonade. If pain develops in head or back, ask the druggist for Anrilis (anti-uric) tablets. These will flush the bladder and kidneys and carry off poisonous matter. To control the pains and aches take one Anrilis tablet every two hours, with frequent drinks of lemonade. The pneumonia appears in a most treacherous way, when the influenza victim is apparently recovering and anxious to leave his bed. In recovering from a bad attack of influenza or pneumonia the system should be built up with a herbal tonic, such as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, made without alcohol from the roots and barks of American forest trees, or his "Irontic" (iron tonic) tablets, which can be obtained at most drug stores, or sent 50c. to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial package. "Irontic" is just as good as Dr. Pierce's other medicines.

# MEDALS FOR WINNERS OF ARMY ESSAY CAST

Medals to be awarded national winners in the children's army essay contest by Secretary Baker here May 5 have been cast, it was announced by the War Department last night. The medals are in the shape of a dollar-sized coin, cast in gold, silver and bronze.

On the face of each is depicted a soldier presenting a wreath to a child, holding in her hand a scroll with the inscription, "National Essay Contest, February 20, 1920. Benefactor of Education in the United States Army." On the reverse is inscribed, "Presented to (name of contestant) by War Department" Through "The Come-Back."

The contest was directed by the Come-Back, Walter Reed Hospital's newspaper.

Winfield Jones Heads National Guard Committee

Winfield Jones has been appointed chairman of the committee on the District of Columbia National Guard for the Washington Chamber of Commerce by President Robert N. Harper, it was announced last night by A. E. Seymour, secretary of the chamber. A. H. Coolidge was made vice-chairman.

Other members of the committee are, Joseph A. Berberich, Granville C. Bradford, Andrew J. Brown, William D. Buck, Thomas W. Buckley, C. C. Calhoun, J. C. Callahan, Henry M. Camp, M. O. Chance, H. C. Chandra, Ernest Hall Coolidge, Allan Davis, Horace Dullin, M. J. Friedman, W. T. Gallier, Louis S. Gottlieb, E. C. Graham, W. F. Guile, C. J. James, Julius Lansburgh, Thomas E. Landon, M. A. Leese, Robert G. McCarter, Louis Mandes, A. E. Randall, William H. Sanders, E. D. Shaw, John H. Slaven, F. C. Steward, George W. White, Eugene Wilson, M. A. Winter and M. B. Zeller.

Memorial Service Planned By Central High Students

Plans for exercises in memory of Emory M. Wilson, former principal of Central High School, in which the student body, members of the alumni association, faculty and friends will take part in about a month, are being formulated.

At this demonstration it is expected that funds will be raised for a memorial tablet in honor of the beloved leader.

Informal exercises yesterday in the auditorium of the school marked the last tribute of Central's student body to their principal, whose death occurred Friday, Robert A. Maurer, acting principal, conducted the exercises.

Parachute Demonstration Scheduled

Demonstration of a new aerial parachute, invented by Floyd Smith, of Chicago, will be held at Bolling Field, Anacostia, this morning at 10:30 o'clock. It is said parachute drops can be made from an airplane at an unusual low altitude with the new parachute.

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